

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
PUBLIC WORKS/CIP & LAND USE COMMITTEE
Monday, July 28, 2003**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Public Works/CIP & Land Use Committee was called to order by Chair Heldmeyer at 5:15 p.m., on Monday, July 28, 2003, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilor Karen Heldmeyer, Chair
Councilor Miguel M. Chavez
Councilor David Pfeffer

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Councilor Patti J. Bushee
Councilor David Coss

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Mike Lujan, Director of Public Works
Angelina Ulibarri, Public Works
Kathryn Raveling, Finance Director
Robert Romero, City Engineer
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Councilor Chavez, seconded by Councilor Pfeffer, that the Agenda as published be approved.

VOTE: There being no dissenting or abstaining votes, the motion carried unanimously.

1. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

8. PURCHASE OF CNG POWERED HONDA SEDAN.

A. REQUEST APPROVAL AND AWARD OF BID #2004/02/B TO PERFECTION HONDA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,569. FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM FEDERAL GRANT #NM-03-0026 UNDER TRANSIT DIVISION'S BUSINESS UNIT AND LINE ITEM 52409.570950. (WADE HAVENS)

8. BOTULPH ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT -- CIP NO. 832A

A. REQUEST APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH A.S. HORNER, INC., IN

- THE AMOUNT OF \$186,823.47 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE TRAIL.**
- B. REQUEST APPROVAL OF EASEMENT GRANT AND TRAIL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE CITY OF SANTA FE NECESSARY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WORK IN CHANGE ORDER NO. 2.**
- C. REQUEST APPROVAL OF TRANSFERRING VARIOUS FUNDS INTO THE PROJECT BUSINESS UNIT AND LINE ITEM 32755.572970.**
- 4. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM BUSINESS UNIT 32355.572970 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$186,823.47 INCLUDING NMGR FOR THIS CHANGE ORDER. (ROBERT ROMERO)**

All packet material for items on the Consent Agenda, are incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1."

MOTION: It was moved by Councilor Chavez, seconded by Councilor Pfeffer, that the Consent Agenda, as published, be approved.

VOTE: There being no dissenting or abstaining votes, the motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, JULY 14, 2003, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 5, Paragraph 3, line 1, correct as follows: "...Councilor Chavez said..."

Page 7, Paragraph 8(1), line 4, correct as follows: "...vapors inside the homes and groundwater contaminants."

Page 33, Paragraph 2, Line 4, correct as follows: "...helicopter ~~cannot~~ is not permitted to fly lower than 2,000 feet."

MOTION: It was moved by Councilor Pfeffer, seconded by Councilor Chavez, that the minutes of the July 14, 2003, Public Works Committee Meeting be approved as corrected.

VOTE: There being no dissenting or abstaining votes, the motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL AGENDA

5. NEW GROSS RECEIPTS TAX INCREMENT(S), PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REQUIREMENTS (KATHRYN RAVELING)

Memorandum dated July 17, 2003, to the Finance Committee, with attachments, from Kathryn Raveling, Director, Finance Department, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "2."

Ms. Raveling said she included information in the packet on the Capital Outlay Gross Receipts Tax increment and the other on Property Tax. On page 2, there is a summary for the Capital Outlay GRT which can be enacted up to ¼%, and that increment would produce about \$6.5 million. It could also be enacted at 1/16%. The imposition of either increment would require an election, and if approved is restricted to capital outlay items. The time frame to enact a new ¼% increment is rather extensive. The tax can only be imposed on July 1st or January 1st, and you have a specific time frame to get the information to the State to start collecting the tax.

Ms. Raveling said if the full ¼% was enacted, the total tax would be 6.9375%.

Chair Heldmeyer asked where the County's new ¼% is included in the list. Ms. Raveling said it is listed as County Capital .25. The City can enact a similar increment.

Ms. Raveling said on page 4 of the packet there is information on the Property Tax. There is the debt service side and the operational side. She said to issue General Obligation Bonds for debt service would require an election. On the operational side, which would not involve debt, the property tax could be used to pay for capital and wouldn't necessarily involve debt. Or, it could be used to support the operation of a facility. That imposition just requires City Council approval. However, it can only be done once a year, and must be submitted to the State by September 1st of every year.

Ms. Raveling said the City currently collects \$1.4 million annually which is about 2.6% of the total property tax collected by the County. She said the City doesn't depend too much on property tax because it is not a large amount. She said the City has considerable capacity left on its debt service and operational, and that is limited by the State.

Councilor Chavez said in order to structure an election to increase the ¼% or the property tax, is it necessary to list specific projects on the ballot. Ms. Raveling said they do need to be specifically detailed. She recalled that the County listed 7 specific projects on the ballot and 5 of those were approved by the voters, and 2 were rejected by the voters.

Councilor Chavez said then to enact the ¼% GRT we could identify a funding source for operation and management for example, for the Library. Ms. Raveling said the ¼% GRT available to the City can only be used for capital expenditures.

Councilor Chavez asked if there is a timetable to enact the ¼%. Ms. Raveling said a very brief time frame is listed on page 2, but she can provide full information on holding an election. She said the election must be held with 75 days of the adoption of the Resolution, and can be effective only on January 1st and July 1st, with the increased revenues beginning two months after the effective date. The election must be held at least 3 months prior to the effective date of the GRT ordinance. She can prepare a schedule of the election.

Councilor Chavez recalled discussion that indicates there was interest in having the ¼% on the regular election ballot in March 2004. Ms. Raveling said that might work, but she needs to do some research to see whether it would be effective on July 1st or January 1st.

Councilor Chavez asked if there would be a cost savings in trying to roll that into the next municipal election. Ms. Raveling said a municipal election costs about \$40,000. She said when the two 1/16% increments were done, the Council discussed whether it was worth the cost of a separate election. In that case, because of the dollars that would be produced, the revenue far exceeded the \$40,000 for the cost of the election. We need to look at when it would be effective and the revenue that would be generated, versus the cost of doing a separate election.

Councilor Pfeffer asked if the City is limited to the ¼%, or if down the road the City would enact another ¼%. Ms. Raveling said there is only ¼%, and the only way the City would have additional increments would be if the Legislature authorized additional increments.

Councilor Pfeffer asked if there is a time frame – if we don't use it we lose it. Ms. Raveling said it must be enacted before July 1, 2005. Councilor Pfeffer asked if the funds can be used for acquisition/construction. Ms. Raveling said this is correct.

Councilor Pfeffer asked with regard to the property tax if there is a cap on the operational. Ms. Raveling said the maximum rate is \$7.65, and currently the City is at .468, so there is a large capacity there. However, the increase in property tax is limited by the annual yield control limitations under State Statute for property tax. She

said the City couldn't just do \$84 million in bonds because the impact on residents would be enormous.

Councilor Pfeffer said residential is 2.6 and 5.3 commercial, and asked how each of those would potentially be affected if over time the City was maxed out. Ms. Raveling would have to run that analysis and provide the information.

Councilor Pfeffer asked, given the expenditures and the diminishing slice over the near term, if the City has the capacity to reverse that trend so that it can get more resources to apply to City operations. Ms. Raveling said the bulk of the City budget is personnel, and the efforts to unfund some personnel did not work very well. If the City isn't going to look at reducing personnel, then the City is down to a small pool of money which includes insurance, utilities, etc., that have to be paid. The City is creating a smaller and smaller piece of the pie as to what is really discretionary in the budget. The City has done an analysis on what it has to do versus what things it would like to do. The problem is that there are differences of opinion on what is a critical City service.

Councilor Pfeffer asked if there is a way either by not funding things through GRT revenues, or something like that, to utilize an increase in GRT revenue indirectly, legally but effectively for operations -- are there things we fund through GRT that we could fund some other way so that funds were freed-up for operational expenses. Ms. Raveling said that has been done as much as possible because of the tightness in the general fund budget -- shift things from the general funds. She doubts there is a lot left that could be allocated to other funds.

Councilor Pfeffer said if there is a large increase in GRT into the general fund, can those be indirectly expended on operations. Ms. Raveling said any unallocated increases in GRT can be used for anything the Council so desires. There currently are no unallocated GRTs that could be used for operations. Ms. Raveling said on page 3, a lot of the allocations have some kind of restrictions such as the Environmental GRT which is limited to certain things. She said, for example, the City Capital Improvement Plan is restricted because debt service is paid out of that because bonds are issued on that, others are restricted by ordinance. The 1/2% for City operations and the state shared GRT can be used in operations.

Chair Heldmeyer suggested that for the Finance Committee, Ms. Raveling think of another way to do the table to detail those taxes which are restricted and how those go into separate funds, and how they are used.

Chair Heldmeyer said when the County passed its 1/4% GRT, several of the Commissioners expressed a belief that if the City were to also pass a 1/4%, the City would share with the County, just as some of the County funds goes to joint City/County projects. Ms. Raveling said if both the City and County enacted its increments of the 1/4%, that each 1/4% would belong to the separate entities. It would be easier to administer.

Chair Heldmeyer thanked Ms. Raveling for her work on the report.

5. UPDATE -- PLAZA BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT/CITY HALL XERISCAPE PROJECT (RANDY THOMPSON)

"Proposed Plaza Renovations," distributed to the Committee by Randy Thompson, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "3."

[NOTE: Mr. Thompson presented several colored drawings which depict the suggestions for the Plaza beautification, but which weren't entered into the record.]

Mr. Thompson said staff was asked to look at the amount of turf on the Plaza, providing more color, providing better maintainability and ways to enhance security on the Plaza. Staff has gone through several iterations. Mr. Thompson gave a brief history of the Plaza, the historical uses and how it has functioned in the past as a center of the community. The current use continues to be an area for special events, for gatherings and still has the grass, trees and benches. He said in every photograph of the Plaza since 1887, the turf has never looked "too wonderful."

Mr. Thompson said staff was asked to look at the Plaza without negatively impacting the special events that take place on the Plaza. Staff looked at reducing the turf and expanding the area of hard surface. The size of tents used for special events are 10 x 10 and 10 x 12, and staff looked at a 10 ft. strip on either side of the brick walkways to create a hard surface which wouldn't be impacted during the special events and accommodate tents on both sides. Staff also looked at a raised planter somewhat like what is around the obelisk now – a stucco planter with a flagstone cap that would serve informal seating all the way around the triangle. The turf area would be further reduced by having a planted area with annuals and perennials in it that would provide more color. Because the turf is on a raised planter, several things could be impacted as far as maintenance – a soil mix that does not compact as much, it would be easier to maintain and keep the turf alive and it won't get as much casual foot traffic which would reduce the compaction. The two sections facing San Francisco Street would be slightly reduced in size, but would remain at ground level, and would balance the flagstone and the new gazebo.

Mr. Thompson said this is the solution proposed by staff. Staff has met with the State Historic Preservation Office which didn't seem to have "heartburn" with the idea and were generally in favor. SHPO made several suggestions which have been incorporated. Once approved by the Council, staff will begin work on this project sometime after Fiestas – Mid to late September.

Chair Heldmeyer noted that there is also a display board with suggested plant materials.

Councilor Pfeffer said then the triangular areas inside the areas where booths normally would be set up would be raised planters. Mr. Thompson said this is correct. Councilor Pfeffer asked what would be in the obelisk area. Mr. Thompson said there would be nothing, the raised triangles that would have turf and plantings would be a stucco planter with a flagstone cap similar to that currently at the obelisk.

Councilor Chavez said we are discussing two projects – City Hall and the Plaza. He asked if there is an estimated budget for the projects.

Mr. Thompson said there is not an estimated budget for the Plaza at this time. There are areas in which the staff assigned to the project do not have the expertise and are trying to gather that information. He said it is estimated that the South end of City Hall will cost approximately \$40,000, if we use the force account [local] crews.

Councilor Chavez said he would hope the City Hall project would include some water harvesting for that landscaping. Mr. Thompson said the grading would not be changed, but the turf areas to the South would be removed and replaced with xeric plant material. This probably would include renovation of the existing irrigating system. There would not be water harvesting in terms of ponding, but there would be swales near the walkways so the water would be captured and soak-in for use by the trees.

Chair Heldmeyer thanked staff for its presentation.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

10. 2003 CIP BOND REQUESTS (ROBERT ROMERO) THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING

Memorandum dated July 22, 2003, with attachments, to the Public Works Committee and Public Safety Committee, from Robert Romero, Engineering Division Director, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "4."

Mr. Romero said the first group of projects are bi-annual, recurring projects. He said the numbers at the top of the page are for the projects staff felt had to be done to keep the City running from a maintenance standpoint, although traffic calming could be discussed. He said there are funds for parks, roads, buildings as well as airport matching funds, and remediation at the Ortiz Landfill. This totals \$7.8 million. He said \$18.5 is available through

CIP, which leaves \$10.8 million. He said staff met and discussed the major projects that the Council and others favored, and those are listed. These are projects staff was asked to consider either by Resolution, or a request by a Councilor or someone on staff.

Mr. Romero said there is an error on Fire station #8 in Tierra Contenta which should be \$2 million instead of \$200,000, which brings the total to \$13 million.

Mr. Romero said there was no intent by staff to balance the figures, but to present the projects as a starting point in the process.

Chair Heldmeyer said then the list is composed of things which had been mentioned as priorities by various staff members or various Councilors. Mr. Romero said this is correct, pointing out that some of the items listed were from various Resolutions passed by the Council such as the Rodeo Grounds, the Game & Fish property, the effluent lines and so forth.

Chair Heldmeyer asked if the funds for Rodeo Grounds and Game & Fish property were for land purchases. Mr. Romero said this is correct. Chair Heldmeyer asked if those numbers are fairly firm. Mr. Romero said appraisals would have to be done, and these figures seem to be "in the ballpark."

Chair Heldmeyer asked about funds for the sidewalks on Old Pecos Trail, north of Cordova, and if the City is requesting funds from the State. Mr. Romero said this is correct. Chair Heldmeyer said this is a fairly large safety issue, but if we think we will get the funds elsewhere she is okay with this not being on this list.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Heldmeyer said each person will be given two minutes to speak to the issue.

Gail Ryva, a resident of Council District #2, said she is in attendance to speak on behalf of funding for trails and bikeways. She said Santa Fe has had a basically unfunded plan for 10 years to build out a trails network. There are a number of projects which could be used to connect trails such as the Game & Fish/Rodeo Grounds which would enable a crossing across the arroyo from Genoveva Chavez to line up with Richards Avenue. She wants to see projects which would encourage bicycling which would not permit automobiles, and believes we could do pedestrian bikeways where cars can't go through. She would like a trail segment built behind Larragoite Elementary and behind the Indian School which would eliminate the necessity to drive on either Agua Fria or Cerrillos. She said she would like to see a trail segment at the terminus of Don Gaspar or Galisteo to get behind the hospital and come out to St. Michaels, although she doesn't know who owns the property and whether this would be possible. She wants see a good chunk of the CIP funds used to complete the trails network which currently is very "disconnected." Chair Heldmeyer said there were right-of-way problems with the last project suggested by Ms. Ryva.

Anna Gallegos y Reinhardt, 1147 Don Gaspar, said she is a resident of District 2, and is in attendance to represent the Santa Fe Youth & Family Center Consortium which is known as Zona del Sol in Tierra Contenta. She thanked the City for its support of this organization which is a collective of non-profits which provide children and youth services, and family services in Tierra Contenta. She said the organization will be building its first building in the Spring which will be providing services in the area. The future build-out will be 5 or 6 buildings serving different non-profits. She said the Consortium isn't on the CIP list this year, and asked for consideration of any discretionary funds and continuation of City support for their project. She said the City is an organizational member.

Monica Valer Garcia, Tierra Contenta urged the Committee to consider funding the Southside Library. That Library can serve more than the Tierra Contenta subdivision, and can serve the many growing housing areas

outside that subdivision that normally would not be served by a library, and would bring those people into the City for other reasons as well. She urged the Committee to consider funding the library.

Chair Heldmeyer said Ms. Garcia makes a good point about bringing in people from the County, and suggested everyone in attendance on behalf of the library should contact their County Commissioners and tell them they can help financially with the library – both capital costs and operations – because this will serve people both in the City and the County.

Marissa Valer [Ms. Valer-Garcia's young daughter] said she has been waiting for the Southside Library for at least four years. She said having a library close to her house would bring the community of Tierra Contenta together. She believes the library is important because it helps with school projects and homework, and getting good grades. She said learning is crucial if she wants to be successful and a library would help that a lot.

Pilar Faulkner, Tierra Contenta said she will be meeting with two County Commissioners very soon to try to get them to help pay for the library since their constituents will seek to benefit from the library as well.

Autumn Faulkner, Tierra Contenta [Ms. Faulkner's young daughter] said, "May we please have a library? Us kids need a library because how would you like it if you were a kid and you didn't have a library."

Lawrence Moss, said he is a strategic planner and urban and regional planner residing in Santa Fe. He strongly supports funding the Southside library, an investment in the community. The building of cities and their culture and humanity is very much based on libraries, historically. And although we are seeing an unexpected role being played by the Internet, libraries continue to be at the core of communities. Directly, libraries have played, and will continue to play, a strategic role in creating and sustaining an informed and participating citizenship. Directly, along with formal school, libraries play an important educational role in our cities. The Southside is a rapidly growing center of growth in Santa Fe, and will continue to be a growth center. That growth center needs a library. He asked support of the library, saying it is a key to the City's future.

Carmichael Dominguez, 4508 Camino Verde, Tierra Contenta is in attendance to speak as a School Board member representing the Southwest sector of the City, and equally important as a resident of Tierra Contenta and the Southwest sector. He said the populations of the schools closest to LaFarge Library – Nava, Chaparral and DeVargas – have 2001-2002 populations of 1,214. The schools in Southwest sector – Cesar Chavez, Sweeney Elementary and Ortiz Middle School – have a population of 1,807. This doesn't take into consideration the opening of the Tomas Elementary School which would be served by a Southside library. He said three of the five largest public schools in the School District are in the Southwest sector – Cesar Chavez [built in 1991], Sweeney Elementary [built in 1982] and Agua Fria [built in the 1930's. He said Capital School was built in 1989. He said with Alamedas Tomas, the Southwest sector will have the four largest schools in the District. He said to realize success for our children and adults in the Southwest sector, we need services like Zona del Sol and those which would be provided by a Library. He asked the Committee to consider full funding for the Southwest Library.

Chair Heldmeyer asked Mr. Dominguez to take this same message back to the School Boards.

David Myers, 6005 Monte Azul, Tierra Contenta, said he is Director of Libraries at the College of Santa Fe as well as teaching American History. He said a Southside library will have a wonderful, qualitative effect on our neighborhood and our City, and will most directly benefit the children of this City. He said he and his wife have always lived in cities where there have been strong public libraries. Their son, a senior at UNM, is a voracious reader and used the library. He said books and reading opportunities are important ingredients for success for all students, regardless of age. He said successful students use the library as children. A Southside library will be used by the members of our community. He said libraries are a keystone to our democracy. He urged support for funding of the Southside library.

Brian Drypolcher, Program Manager with the Trust for Public Land, 1204 San Jose Avenue, Casa

Alegre, said he strongly supports funding for parklands and trails in Santa Fe. He said the proposed funding on the CIP list is a great step toward supporting trails and parklands in the city. He said in the General Election in November 2002, 95 out of 112 ballot measures passed nation-wide to fund parklands and trails at the state and local level – an 85% approval rating to increase taxes to create new parklands and trails, for a total of \$6.9 billion. The voters understand the benefits of parks, trails and open space in their communities which include health benefits which are positively impacted by exercise. It has been proven that where there is accessibility to parks, open space and trails, that physical activity increases and health levels in the community increase. There are also proven economic benefits. He urged support of CIP funds for these capital improvements and to look for dedicated funding sources to maintain these places.

Phyllis Newcomer, 70 Chisum Trail, La Tierra Nueva, said she is psychologist and specializes in working with children with behavioral and emotional disorders. She has found that these children have serious reading disabilities. She said intervention has focused on these kinds of disabilities, that through improvement in literacy and related achievements there is improvement in other kinds of behavior. It is even more true that if we can get to children in the beginning of the educational process before they have the opportunity to fail we will be ahead of the game. She said she is delighted that this is a plan for a full service library which will offer pre-school programs, tutoring, English as a Second Language, after-school and summer reading programs. She believes this will be valuable in saving kids from “nasty” experiences later in life and the community from having to deal with them at that point.

Marilyn Fitzgerald, 34 E. Wildflower Drive, Tierra de Oro, said she has been involved in special education as a teacher, a director, and was an elementary school principal in suburban Philadelphia for 20 years, having lived in Santa Fe for 3 years. She has worked with the Community College and the School District to mentor new teachers. She is aware of the Terra Nova test results in reading and language arts – our kids are scoring behind other kids nationally. The schools in Southwest Santa Fe are those which needs the kinds of literacy programs that would be offered by a full service library, particularly English as a Second Language and literacy programs starting with pre-schoolers and so forth, so we get these kids when they are young before they fall behind.

Jane Gellentine, 2256 Calle Cacique, District 2, said she is a member of the Southside Library Advocacy Committee and President of the Friends of the Santa Fe Public Library. They are committed to working with the City Council and City Committees, and hopefully the County, to ensure that the Southside library is a full service library, offering a wide range of materials, resources and accommodations. She said there are needs for adults as well as children. She said there are adult, beginning readers and we need resources and space to provide help for them. Help is needed for young adults and teens trying to earn their GED. Meeting space is needed for adults and children for community events. She said the Main Library and LaFarge Library logged over 300 scheduled events at their community rooms last year. This is a great, free, no-hassle service to the public. Materials are needed for toddlers and children as well as for Seniors who are exploring new hobbies as well. The Southside library will benefit the entire community. She said there are 26 public access computer terminals, and last year there were 65,000 bookings. She urged the Committee to fund the Southside library as a full service library and demonstrate that the community concerns are the Council’s concerns.

Carol Lachman, 5 Oriente Court, read a statement into the record which is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit “4(A).” She urged funding of a full service Southside library.

Marvin Lachman, 5 Oriente Court, said he is from the South Bronx which in the 1940's was an area of poverty and crime. In the heart of the South Bronx, was a library which was an oasis for kids after school, in the summer as a place to find books and adults who could answer questions and instill a love of learning – which he has until today. He urged the Committee to build a full service library on the Southside so these kids can grow up with the same sense of learning that he had.

Cliff Walter, 992 Calle [inaudible] is a native of Santa Fe. Mr. Walker spoke in favor of funding improvements to trails. He is concerned about crime on the informal trail system. He said last year there was a murder on what he calls the Baca Trail. There was no media coverage of the murder which was thought to be

robbery related. He wants the trails improved and to be made safer. He would like to see police on mountain bicycles on the trails. He thinks the police presence would make the trails safer.

Phil Clark, 12 Featherbush Court, Santa Fe County, is a native New Mexican who lived away for 15 years and moved back in the last year. He said in Seattle, Washington there is an outstanding system of bike trails. He had hoped to be able to live in Santa Fe and commute by bicycle to work. However, the bike trails are so fragmented that this is difficult. The trails are unsafe, especially in crossing some of the major arterials. He urged funding for improvements to the existing system. He said the City recently painted some striping on the Arroyo Chamisa Trail which is outrageous – “wiggly, splattered, and it looks awful.” He spoke with Mr. Thompson who indicated that perhaps his crew didn’t know how to use the machine although there are no funds to remove the striping. He said the signs in English and Spanish on the trail contain misspellings and the Spanish is incorrect.

Mike Gross, 1846 Camino de Cruz Blanca, is in attendance because he was asked to attend by his wife who is a member of the Santa Fe School Board. He said when Tierra Contenta was approved by the Council, he was on the Santa Fe School Board. He said that was a three-way deal which has not been entirely fulfilled. The schools promised to build schools, the developers promised low-cost housing and donated land for the schools, and the City promised amenities and induced the developers to build low-cost housing. Those amenities include libraries which are the most important amenities the City can provide. Santa Fe is a multi-cultural community, including many Tibetans whose need for the library is perhaps even greater than that of any other group. They do not speak English and have no means other than through books to learn the language and to acquaint themselves with the culture and the ways of our country and its history. He urged support and funding of a full service library. He said, “If its educated citizens you want, libraries are their font.”

Chase Ault, Director of Public/Private Partnerships for the Santa Fe Railyard Community Group said she is attendance to support funding for the Railyard infrastructure which refers to an obligation by the City to the Railyard under the Lease and Management Agreement to provide funds for remediation, environmental and archeology testing. It is critical as the Railyard begins to build the infrastructure that these things are in place. She urged favorable consideration of their request.

Peggy Vasquez, 6357 Milagro Luna, has resided in Tierra Contenta for 6½ years. She is one of three staff members to the Tierra Contenta Corporation. A full service library is an important issue for the community, noting a survey indicated that the number one issue was to have a full service library on the Southside. A new library in their neighborhood will favorably impact families with children, bringing educational benefits and activities to the under-served part of Santa Fe. She asked the Committee to give high priority for funding the library.

David McQuarie, a member of the Mayors Committee on Concerns of Persons with Disabilities, urged the Committee to fund the ADA improvements in the amount of \$300,000. He said he wants to see the City give people with disabilities a little dignity and the ability to participate in life’s activities. He said Saturday was the 13th anniversary of the signing of the Americans With Disabilities Act. He said the City is now paying attention after a period of disregard. He thanked the City and he hopes we can continue our efforts.

The Public Hearing was Closed

Chair Heldmeyer said the list which is being considered this evening is a very preliminary list which was prepared by staff. The wants outweigh the available funds by about \$2.5 million with nothing else added to the list. This evening is the first discussion on the funding. This will next go to the Finance Committee for a discussion of the issues and the funding, and it will come back to this Committee at the next meeting for a final discussion and the Committee’s recommendations to the City Council. She would like to hear from members of the Committee about things they would like to add, remove, or things of which they are unsure or if they have questions from staff.

Councilor Chavez said this is the 2003 CIP bond cycle for \$10.745 million for two years. This means the funds will be spread over a long list of projects for a period of two years. Chair Heldmeyer said ½ deals with maintenance and other issues, and the other ½ is for new projects.

Councilor Chavez is encouraged with the participation of the public and excited to see support for the needs that exist in the fastest growing part of the City. He said there are several things on the list for the Southside – Fire Station #8 in Tierra Contenta, the Tierra Contenta Park, the effluent line which will serve Tierra Contenta, the schools and other facilities in the area, the Southside library. He said we understand the needs are there, but we must all understand that those needs will be competing for the same money which is not a large pool of money.

Councilor Chavez said the list proposes \$3 million for the Southside library, \$1 million for the effluent line, \$2 million for the Fire Station, and \$200,000 for a small pocket park in Tierra Contenta. He said this is a demonstration that the needs in Tierra Contenta have not been ignored and the City is trying to address those needs as best it can.

Councilor Chavez suggested the following changes in the list of Other Possible Projects:

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| Alto Park, Phase II | Reduce from \$1.7 million to \$1.5 million |
| Trails | Reduce from \$2 million to \$1.5 million |
| Fire Station #8 | Reduce from \$2 million to \$1 million |
| Effluent line | Reduce from \$1 million to \$500,000 |

This would leave the \$3 million for the Southside library intact which is only ½ of the option discussed. This is his proposal to address the needs in District 3, as well as the entire City. He said the funding for trails would be City-wide and not limited to certain areas.

Chair Heldmeyer asked Councilor Chavez if his suggestions would bring the figures into balance. Councilor Chavez said he believes this would still be a \$500,000 shortfall.

Chair Heldmeyer asked for comments from the staff associated with the projects proposed to be reduced in funding.

Councilor Chavez said Traffic Calming is proposed at \$2 million, and Plaza Traffic Control at \$500,000. He asked if the Plaza Traffic Control could be reduced to \$200,000, and asked why there are different categories.

Mr. Romero said the \$500,000 for Plaza Traffic Control is John Nitzel's estimate, and staff can look at this and try to scale down the improvements based on the budget. The reason there are different projects is that the \$2 million for traffic calming is based on the standard traffic calming program where residents request traffic calming and go through a specific process, and the Plaza traffic improvements were thought to be a separate public works project. Staff will do its best with whatever funding is allocated for Plaza traffic control. Councilor Chavez said if \$200,000 would be enough that would leave \$300,000 toward balancing the budget.

Councilor Chavez said he continues to get requests for traffic calming, and the people have been patient although their patience is wearing thin.

Councilor Chavez asked if the \$1 million for the effluent is the total budget for that project. Mr. Romero said the estimate for that project is \$1.3 million. He spoke with Representative Jim Trujillo who will try to help supplement whatever we do. Councilor Chavez said in looking at the Library vs. the effluent line he would have to choose the library. He asked if \$500,000 would be an adequate match to approach the Legislature for funding. Mr. Romero said he isn't sure Representative Trujillo could afford to allocate \$700,000 for this project, which is almost what we get for the whole City. Chair Heldmeyer said Representative Trujillo has been approached about the Library and Zona del Sol as well.

Councilor Chavez said all of the projects are competing for the same funds, and it will be tough to balance those.

Mr. Romero said staff probably could do things in Phase 2 of Alto Park to scale the costs down to the proposed figure, if that is the wish of the governing body. He said we might do a third phase, or look at other parks funding to supplement the project. He said we are just beginning design and construction of the trails. There should be significant funds coming from the ¼%, and staff could work with those funds if the CIP funding was reduced to \$1.5 million.

Mr. Lujan said there is an error on the proposed funding for the Railyard infrastructure which should be \$350,000. After the packet was prepared, he met with Ms. Ault to get clarification on what is needed in that area, and based on that conversation that number changed.

Chair Heldmeyer asked if the demolition of the Ortiz building has been approved by SHPO. Ms. Ault said it is planned to demolish both the Ortiz Building and the Patton Building both of which are required under the master plan, and both demolitions have been approved by SHPO. She said it is still not been determined for sure whether or not the Patton Building will be demolished.

Councilor Chavez asked about the purchase of the Rodeo Grounds and the State Game & Fish properties, and if there is a deadline. Mr. Romero said the City has the first right to match any offer for the Rodeo Grounds property. On the Game & Fish property, staff approached the State as directed by Resolution, and the state would like to sell the property. Staff also asked about getting an easement through the property, but the state prefers that the City acquire the property because the state needs funds to rebuild the facility at the new location. The property is located just north of Genoveva Chavez. The City wants this property to build a road for emergency access. He said the Game & Fish property would be sold to the City at the appraised value.

Chair Heldmeyer believes the appraisal value will be more than the projected. She said as part of the land deal for the Chavez Center, the City agreed to zone that property C-2. That property is on Rodeo Road and will appraise at a lot more than \$800,000.

Councilor Chavez asked Chief Sperling to give an update on Fire Station #8. He asked if any proposed response station at the Airport would respond only to incidents at the Airport. Chief Sperling said that station would only respond to incidents on the Airport. Councilor Chavez said then there is still a need for Fire Station #8 in the Tierra Contenta.

Chief Sperling said there is, and the time has come to relocate Fire Station #8 from Rodeo Road and

Cerrillos to Tierra Contenta. When Fire Station #7 was built in 1998/1999, it was determined that as Tierra Contenta developed further, Fire Station #8 would be relocated to serve that community. The current response time isn't where it should be from Fire Station #8 to serve the new developments in Tierra Contenta. The property for relocation of Fire Station #8 has been donated to the City, and the relocation won't involve the purchase of additional equipment or manning, and funds will be used solely for the construction of the new facility.

Councilor Chavez asked if there are any other funding sources such as federal funds, homeland security funds, or state funds which could supplement the funding of \$1 million which he is proposing. Chief Sperling said at the current time he doesn't. Councilor Chavez asked if the proposed \$2 million is the total cost for Fire Station #8. Chief Sperling said that is the total needed. He said initially it was determined that \$2.5 million would be needed, but with conservative construction it could be done for approximately \$2 million.

Councilor Pfeffer said in Ms. Raveling's presentation on property tax, under Item #1 Debt Service, the maximum financing is listed up to 4% – \$84 million, while under operational it is listed as dollar amounts per thousand of net taxable value and a potential yield is not listed. Ms. Raveling can calculate the yield and get back to the Committee. Councilor Pfeffer would like to determine what kinds of operational monies can come out of a property tax increase that the public could accept.

Councilor Pfeffer said G.O. bonds require an election and operational requires only City Council approval. He asked if that approval requires a super majority, a 3/4 majority or a simple majority.

Ms. Raveling believes it requires a super majority vote, but said she needs to verify this with the City Attorney.

Councilor Pfeffer understands that bonding requires a super majority – 3/4 majority or seven votes, and asked if the same applies to Item 1(b) on page 4. Ms. Raveling doesn't know, but she will check with the City Attorney. Councilor Pfeffer asked if the CIP bonds require a super majority. Ms. Raveling said that is a bond issue and she believes it requires a 3/4 majority.

Councilor Pfeffer said the Council must choose which good causes it can afford to fund, and said no one can question that the Library is a good cause. He feels the same about the fire protection, and he would hate to just cut the funding in half. He said a metal shed could be done for \$1 million, but then the Southwest sector gets a second rate metal shed building which we wouldn't want to do. He has a problem in reducing the funding for the Fire Station. However, he is still concerned about operational funds for the fire station and the library.

Chief Sperling said currently Fire Station #8 is operated at Rodeo/Cerrillos, and relocation of Fire Station #8 will involve relocation of equipment, personnel and operating expenses to the new site. Councilor Pfeffer said then only bricks and mortar funding is needed. Chief Sperling said this is correct [Councilor Chavez's remarks here are inaudible.]

Councilor Pfeffer said Traffic Calming is proposed to be funded at \$2 million, and Plaza traffic control at \$500,000. He suggested that Traffic Calming be funded at \$500,000, rather than taking \$1 million from the Fire Station #8, and fund Plaza traffic control at \$145,000 rather than \$500,000 because he doesn't believe the design of the Plaza requires a great deal of traffic control. That would provide \$1.855 million which would be a start in balancing the proposed expenditures. He agrees that Alto Park, Phase 2 be reduced to \$1.5. This will provide another \$200,000, although there is still a shortfall of \$350,000.

Councilor Pfeffer questions the Railyard Infrastructure, and believes a portion of those could be reduced. Perhaps the Tierra Contenta Park and La Cienegita parks might not be done in the next two years, or perhaps artificial turf is funded at only \$150,000. He said all of these are good causes.

Councilor Pfeffer asked if the \$500,000 for Parks, water management & conservation, is the NPDES Storm drainage money. Mr. Lujan said it is not. Councilor Pfeffer said he understood we needed \$1.3 million to meet the federal pollution reduction requirements. Chair Heldmeyer said these are different items. Councilor Pfeffer

understands, but asked where is the funding for meeting the federal pollution requirements on storm drainage.

Mr. Lujan said that funding will come from the Stormwater Utility fee which will be effective on August 1st, and will generate about \$460,000 annually based on current hookups for both residential and commercial. Beyond that, once the program manager has been hired, that manager's task will be to look for additional funding in terms of grants or a new formula for the Stormwater assessment.

Councilor Chavez said with regard to Parks water management & conservation, he thought that money was specifically to be used for the parks to implement best management practices for the parks. Mr. Romero clarified that those funds are to improve irrigation systems, and rebuild parks and build parks with less turf – more xeric parks. Councilor Chavez said then it is to better manage water at the parks and reducing the area that is irrigated. Mr. Romero said this is correct.

Responding to Councilor Chavez, Mr. Romero said the proposed \$500,000 would be the total for the two years.

Councilor Pfeffer said there is room to increase GRTs for bricks and mortar and a way to apply some of that to operation, but it would be tight. There is a way to increase property tax for both bricks and mortar and for operational expenses over time. Property tax impacts the permanent residents some of whom are on fixed incomes. GRTs comes, to a large extent, from visitors/tourists. He suggested a win/win situation by looking at how to increase GRTs to the general fund, in addition to raising the GRT by up to ¼%, but that also impacts our permanent residents.

Councilor Pfeffer noted that there is no funding proposed for the Civic Center. If the Civic Center could be built exclusively with Lodger's Tax, and could be demonstrated to increase GRT revenues, then it would seem there might be a way to afford the things we want to do, including the library and debt service for the \$5 million to build the library and operational funds for the library. A large chunk of the GRTs comes from tourism. Chair Heldmeyer said it is 40-50%. He said perhaps that is preferable to not doing the effluent line, or Tierra Contenta Park, or not doing a proper fire station, or not doing traffic calming. If we had the additional money it might be a better situation.

Chair Heldmeyer said we can't count on an increase in GRTs from a building on which we haven't made a decision, and that won't be built in the next two years. It is certainly worth a discussion. She said even if you believe that a convention center would produce additional GRTs, those wouldn't occur in the next 2-4 years. She said there are those who are skeptical that there will be additional GRTs. With regard to property tax, if New Mexico had a decent "circuit-breaker" on the property tax like most other state, she doesn't believe property tax would be a big problem – elimination of any increases for Senior on fixed incomes for example. She believes we should have such a provision. Therefore, property tax is a very regressive tax and not a solution to problems that can be solved other ways.

Chair Heldmeyer would like to see more information on bridge and tennis court rehabilitation, noting that people aren't allowed on most of the tennis courts and hopes no funding is going for those. She believes Alto Park could be done in 3 phases, and cut the \$1.7 million to another figure. She asked about the Siler Road Extension, noting this hasn't been decided as a matter of policy, and to spend money on a design seems a little premature. She said we don't want metal sheds, and we don't want money spent unnecessarily. However, we want buildings that give good value and provide the needed services.

Chair Heldmeyer reiterated that the Rodeo Grounds property will appraise at a far higher value than that projected, and that is not in her top ten priority list, while traffic calming is. There said there is a tremendous need and demand for traffic calming, and she would hate to see that cut. She admitted, however, that some things will be cut or phased-in to balance the revenue/expenditures.

Chair Heldmeyer would like funding to be set aside for Amelia White Park. She said the Garden Club and the Neighborhood Association are willing to contribute some funds as well as sweat equity. She would like to do something to show appreciation of their work and their offers and get started on that project. She would like Mr.

Romero to look at the possibility of doing the project with the locals, the contribution from the neighborhood, the Garden Club and sweat equity along with some City funds.

Chair Heldmeyer said paving has been neglected over the past two years, although that could amount could be cut somewhat. She said we need to look at a split of the costs between the neighborhoods and the City. Chair Heldmeyer believes it is important for the ADA funds to stay in CIP "from now on," as well as the 1% for the arts, funds for affordable housing infrastructure, and so forth.

Councilor Heldmeyer said the Council needs to work with the other projects and figures and determine how much we can do. That might mean reducing the Trails funding somewhat, and phasing-in Alto Park in a different way. We also need to try to find money elsewhere which will be difficult because of the cuts by the federal, state and local governments as well as foundations.

Councilor Heldmeyer said this evening we heard what people think they would, if approved, get a full service library and a lot of wonderful programs. She asked if the \$660,000 in operational/staff costs will provide these programs and services. Mr. Tim Greer said that does include the space for those things, but not staff and it would be necessary to partner with associations which provide these special services.

Chair Heldmeyer would like, for the Finance Committee, for Mr. Greer to provide another breakdown of staff costs which includes estimates of the services that people assume they will be getting if the library is approved.

Councilor Chavez asked, with regard to Amelia White Park, if there are funds available in the small park fund for the things suggested. Mr. Romero said there is about \$20,000 in that fund as of June 30th.

Councilor Chavez said \$10.5 million was taken from CIP for water projects over the past two years, and if not for that expenditures some of the projects might be a little further along. Mr. Lujan said this is probably true, although the priority list was shifted somewhat downward.

Ms. Raveling said on Wednesday, the Water Finance Plan will be released, and the payback is included as a component. The impact on the rates can be determined if the City decides to pay the money back. She said that discussion will be held at the study session on August 20th at 2:00 p.m.

Councilor Chavez said with regard to the Siler Road Extension design, if there is another extension across Agua Fria to Alameda, because there aren't many options. Mr. Romero said the reason this was added was because of a discussion at the RPA. The City is looking at the Paseo de Vistas project which is a \$6 million, but that isn't going well with the public and doesn't look as if it will add a lot of improvement to capacity. It is parallel to both Alameda and the Relief Route. He said we aren't seeing the anticipated volume of cut-through traffic. So it doesn't look like we'll get the "bang for the buck" out of that project. The County is concerned about the traffic on Carlos Rael. The Siler Road Extension was the 2nd or 3rd priority at the RPA, and staff thought this would be the next project that makes sense and that would really help to alleviate traffic.

Chair Heldmeyer asked if that the \$200,000 could be obtained from the RPA. Mr. Romero said it will be about a \$4 million project in total.

Councilor Chavez believes we should retain this project because of the need for better traffic flow, and he also would argue for funding traffic calming at a slightly reduced amount. He believes the repaving of \$1.5 million can't be postponed because it will cost more and we should keep that project and get back on schedule.

Mr. Romero said bridge rehabilitation has been neglected over the past two years, and there is a bridge on Osage which is getting critical. With regard to tennis court rehab, we can do one tennis court for \$50,000 which could be cut to two courts for the next cycle.

Chair Heldmeyer said at the next meeting she has requested a report on the median program, and it may be that we may take some funds from median maintenance because the median will be covered by the new program. Mr. Romero said only \$50,000 has been spent on medians during the past two years.

Mr. Romero said with regard to the recycled asphalt program, what has been done recently has been more Public Works policy and not a Council directive. He is working with Ms. Price to draft an ordinance in that regard. Chair Heldmeyer believes the percentage needs to be debated.

Councilor Pfeffer asked for a rough idea of the square footage needed for Fire Station #8. Chief Sperling said we would need to work on the needed square footage. He was proposing a two bay fire station to accommodate 7 firefighters, modest in size and in fitting with the community needs. Chief Sperling said the station would house 7 firefighters 24 hours a day. Responding to councilor Pfeffer, Chief Sperling said the station could be two stories if that would make the use of the space more efficient, and said the land has been identified and no purchase is necessary. Chief Sperling said consideration was given to adding a classroom space -- a community space such as at Fire Station #7. The cost of Fire Station #7 was \$3.4 million, and was a three bay station with one bay for drive through. Chief Sperling said whether or not there is a drive through for Station #8 would depend on the funding, although a drive-through is preferable. However, that would be dropped if funding were reduced.

Councilor Pfeffer said Councilor Heldmeyer's statement doesn't ring true -- that you can't count on an increase in GRT from the Civic Center Project, which hasn't been approved, and if you believe there would be an increase it wouldn't be during the next two years. He said one can argue against the Civic Center on the basis of increased traffic, increased noise, increased water use, increased growth, but you can't do those arguments and at the same argue that there won't be any increase in the gross receipts tax. Either there will or won't be more tourists in town spending more money. The one way to ensure that there will be no increased GRT revenues is to do nothing with Sweeney Center at all.

Councilor Pfeffer said Councilor Heldmeyer's statement doesn't ring true -- that the Civic Center won't be built in the next two years. He doesn't believe the Southside library will be built in the next two years either. So the operating funds wouldn't be coming on line until down the road anyway.

Councilor Pfeffer doesn't agree that the Fire doesn't have to be a metal shed but could be something in the middle. It is okay to place a lesser quality building because we don't have the funds. However, he hears true statements from the Southside residents that the City doesn't address its needs and that we need to consider annexation. We are shortchanging that part of town in placing a lesser building, or doing less effluent lines. More than 1/2 of the \$13.150 would be in the South and Southwest part of town and appropriately so.

Councilor Pfeffer said traffic calming is popular with the people who live right there, but not to people all over town. He is hearing a great deal of complaints about traffic calming. He said there are things in his district which aren't on the list, including Frank Ortiz Park. He would like to find a reasonable point where we recognize where we get out money -- we get our money from visitors and tourism. Until we retool the economy, that is where we get our money. About 1/2 of the \$18 million bond obligation will be paid for by visitors. We need to nourish that base and see what we can get for the community, rather than pit one against the other. If we can't count on that for an increase in GRT, then it is questionable given the tourist climate that we can even fund \$18.5 million. He wants a win/win if it can be demonstrated that the Civic Center would develop money for the community. He isn't buying that a lot of people think it won't work, because a lot of people think everything won't work. He wants to try it. We can't pay for a library and a fire station unless we find more money.

Chair Heldmeyer said she wasn't endorsing the \$1 million for the Fire Station as proposed by Councilor Chavez. She doesn't know how much a fire station would cost. She was saying as a policy the City should build good, serviceable buildings that do the work they should do. She wants information in the finance packet about what that would cost.

Chair Heldmeyer said the reason she said the Convention Center wouldn't be built in two years is because there has been no decision made, and if approved there are no final plans. The final plans for the library are 98%

complete, and less time if the project is phased-in, and we are looking at a two year timeline for the library. She believes we should be putting funds into the library because that is where the growth is occurring and where the need for services is greater. She said asking for another \$50,000 for another district isn't out of line if it is available, especially in a case of matching. She said we are getting a good bang for the buck on projects in her district because we were willing to do a little matching.

Chair Heldmeyer said she has never raised objections about size and noise with regard to the Convention Center. Her only question is can we afford it. We have been told it will be funded out of Lodger's Tax, and the numbers have been very "dicey," and she hopes we can do something to make those numbers less so. However, that probably means cutting back on expenses which means a good, serviceable building which does what we want. which may be more appropriate than spending out to the limit and going over the limit if tourism is stagnant or decreases. We need to look at all of these things in a responsible, economic way.

Councilor Chavez said his intention in suggesting reductions wasn't to build less of anything, but only to try to piggy back some of the money which has to be spent within two years, and to be able to secure matching funds from the Legislature so CIP wouldn't be the only funding source.

Ms. Raveling said this is an important point and needs to reflect cash flow over the next two years, because they are getting more and more strict on the two year rule. The last arbitrage analysis really cracked down. She urged the Committee to look at funds that can be realistically spent with the two years.

Chair Heldmeyer thanked those who attended and staff. She reiterated that this will go next to Finance Committee and then come back to this Committee in two weeks for final recommendations to the Council.

Mr. Romero asked how staff should address the Councilors' suggestions for reductions. Chair Heldmeyer said leave the list as is, title it "Staff Recommendations," list all the questions, and responses to those questions, and place all of this in the packet for Finance.

Councilor Pfeffer said he would like to see all of the comments go forward in summary form, including both his and Councilor Chavez's remarks. Chair Heldmeyer said that is her intent, and any staff response to any of the individual comments to make a list.

Responding to the Chair, Ms. Helberg said the minutes will be available by Noon on Friday, at the latest 1:00 p.m.

11. REQUEST APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCES 1986-66, 1986-67 AND 1986-68 AND GRANTING A NEW NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO COMCAST CABLEVISION OF NEW MEXICO, INC., TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE SYSTEM IN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND TO PROVIDE CABLE SERVICE WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND TO PROVIDE CABLE SERVICE WITHIN A FRANCHISE AREA WITH THE CITY OF SANTA FE; ESTABLISHING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE FRANCHISE RENEWAL (APPENDIX "H" CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISES). (RICK CARLISLE) POSTPONED FROM 7/24 PWC MEETING.

Memorandum dated July 23, 2003, with attachments, to the Public Works Committee, from Rick Carlisle, CIO, office of Information, Technology & Telecommunications, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "5."

Chair Heldmeyer said this was postponed largely because of the questions asked by Councilor Bushee who is absent this evening and won't be at the next Public Works meeting. She suggested that anyone with questions should ask them of Mr. Carlisle.

Councilor Heldmeyer said the brochure in the packet indicates that by contract, Comcast has to provide clear and readable information. She said the price list is very difficult to read. She said we should “call” Comcast on this because the contract says “readable.” Mr. Carlisle agrees and said he contacted Comcast and voiced the same concerns.

Councilor Heldmeyer said wording was to be included in the contract with regard to people wanting to buy time for political speeches and ads and she doesn’t find that. Mr. Carlisle said the wording agreed-to by the Council is in the Ordinance on Page 9, Section 7.12.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilor Chavez, seconded by Councilor Pfeffer, that the request be approved.

VOTE: There being no dissenting or abstaining votes.

11. **REQUEST APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT (PSA) WITH THE SANTA FE RAILYARD COMMUNITY CORP., FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF \$500,000 OF STATE GRANT FUNDS ALLOTTED TO THE SANTA FE RAILYARD COMMUNITY CORP. (CYRUS SAMII)**

Memorandum dated July 22, 2003, with attachments, to the Public Works Committee, from Cyrus Samii, Railyard Project Administrator, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit “6.”

MOTION: It was moved by Councilor Pfeffer, seconded by Councilor Chavez that the request be approved.

DISCUSSION: Chair Heldmeyer said ½ of the money is being used to complete the schematic design for the Plaza and Alameda open space on the north Railyard, and asked if public input will be sought. Mr. Drypolcher said it will be done through specific outreach meetings with different stakeholders and open forums, and he will be working with the Farmer’s Market, to be sure the infrastructure and schematic plans meet their needs.

Councilor Chavez said even though the Farmer’s Market has been a strong and viable anchor, that the intention in purchasing and developing the Railyard will certainly go beyond meeting the needs of the Farmer’s Market. Mr. Drypolcher said there will be other needs and other interests for other public spaces on the Railyard and they will be working to address those as well.

VOTE: There being no dissenting or abstaining votes, the motion carried unanimously.

11. **MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

A. LENGTH OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Memorandum dated July 24, 2003, to the Public Works Committee, from Councilor Karen Heldmeyer, Chair, regarding Length of PWC meetings, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit “7.”

Chair Heldmeyer said this is a question of whether to use various mechanisms to make the meeting shorter, and whether to place this item on the next agenda as a discussion item. She asked members to let Therese know if they would like this on the next agenda.

11. **NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 11, 2003**

11. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and the Committee having completed its agenda, it was moved by Councilor Pfeffer, seconded by Councilor Chavez, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Karen Heldmeyer, Chair

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